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Irrigation works in South Kanara

* 209 *Q.*—Sri M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received copy of a resolution passed unanimously by the South Kanara District Irrigation Conference, held on 7th September 1953, requesting the Government that in view of the peculiar conditions of this district, all the irrigation works yielding a half per cent return may be undertaken by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri T. ANANTA PAI:—" The South Kanara District Irrigation Conference was an official conference held on 7th September 1953. Three complete months have elapsed and it is surprising to note that the resolution passed in that Conference has not yet been received by the Government. Will the Government be pleased to see that the receipt of the resolution is expedited and the resolution is sympathetically considered? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" I do not quite follow the suggestion made by the hon. Member. The resolution has not reached the Government. Does he want us to remind the Conference people to forward the resolution? "

Sri M. S. MOGRAL:—" In view of the fact that very few irrigation works are undertaken in the district, may I know whether the Government will consider the position in the light of my question? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" The policy of the Government is not to take up any scheme which does not give a return of 2 per cent or which costs above three hundred rupees per acre. If we take up schemes below this standard, it will only make the position of the Government very difficult and the general tax-payer will have to bear the burden. Interest on the capital outlay will be 4 per cent and we will have to impose a very heavy strain on the general tax-payer for the sake of the few who are benefited by the projects."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM:—" If the Government have not received a copy of the resolution, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to let us know whether it has been received by the Superintending Engineer or any other officer of the Engineering Department? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" I have no information about that."

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SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER:—" What is the percentage of return that the Government expect for undertaking irrigation works? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" Two per cent."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—EXPUNCTION[a] OF OBJECTIONABLE MATTER—SPEAKER'S ORDERS *RE*

MR. SPEAKER:—" The other day (18th December 1953) when I was not here—the House knows the reason for my absence on that day—the hon. Member Sri Govindaswami Nayagar, speaking on the general discussion of the budget, made certain remarks about the Governor. I am expunging those remarks. The Hon. Finance Minister also said something by way of reply on 19th December 1953 and I am also expunging that portion."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR:—" May I bring in a substantive motion on this? "

MR. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member can take my advice in my room."

III.—PRIVILEGE MOTION *RE* THE LEADERETTE IN THE *DINAMANI*, DATED 22ND DECEMBER 1953—SPEAKER'S ORDERS *RE*

MR. SPEAKER:—" The other day I informed the House that the hon. Members Sri K. T. Kosalram and Sri R. V. Swaminathan had each given notice of a privilege motion. I have seen the leaderette in this morning's edition of the *Dinamani*. I do not know whether Sri K. T. Kosalram has seen it. I am thankful to the editor for making the position very clear."

SRI K. T. KOSALRAM:—" தினமணி ஆசிரியர் சப் லீடர் எழுதி இருப்பதைப் பற்றி நீங்கள் உங்களுடைய மகிழ்ச்சியை தெரிவித்தீர்கள்."

MR. SPEAKER:—" எல்லோரும் மகிழ்ச்சி தெரிவிக்கிறார்கள்."

SRI K, T. KOSALRAM:—" என்னுடைய பேச்சை நான் கடைசி பேச்சாக பேசி இருக்கிறேன் என்றிருக்கிறது. நான் என்ன பேசினேன் என்பதை உங்களுடைய கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டு வருகிறேன். அன்று நான் என்ன பேசினேன் என்றால் ' நான் அடுத்த முறை இந்த சபையில் மெம்பராக இருந்தாலும் இருப்பேன், இல்லாமலிருந்தாலும் இருப்பேன் ' என்று பேசி இருப்பது என் பேச்சில் இருக்கிறது. ஆகவே அடுத்த முறை நிச்சயமாக இருக்க மாட்டேன் என்று சொல்லி இருப்பதாகவைத்து அவர்கள் எழுதி இருப்பது மிகவும் வருந்தத்தக்கது. இம்மாதிரி பத்திரிகைகள் இம்மாதிரி சப் லீடர் எழுதுவதினால் ஏதோ ஒரு கட்சியையோ அல்லது தனிப்பட்ட ஒரு தலைவரையோ . . ."

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[a] Vide Proceedings, dated 18th and 19th December 1953.